

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies are allowed to control the airwaves in such a blatantly negative way toward one candidate (and not the other) in order seemingly to influence the outcome of the election, citizens such as myself wonder if the great beacon of our freedom - the press - has itself become corrupt. Please do not allow a program that appears to be so partisan in nature to be aired, especially without also airing a positive counterpoint to it regarding Sen. Kerry. I still believe in our democratic foundation. Do not let me down. Do not allow this anti-Kerry program to be aired because I do not trust the intent of the ownership in airing it. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.